

PROJECT NEWSLETTER – FEB 2018

Hawkesdale Wind Farm is located in south-west Victoria, approximately 2 km south-east of Hawkesdale, adjacent to the Warrnambool-Penshurst Road in the Shire of Moyne.

Ryan Corner Development Pty Ltd (**RDPL**) is the proponent for the Hawkesdale Wind Farm project. RDPL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Global Power Generation Australia Pty Ltd (**GPG Australia**) [Previously called Union Fenosa Wind Australia Pty Ltd], GPG Australia is a subsidiary of the Spanish based Global Power Generation (**GPG**) that is part of the Gas Natural Fenosa group, a vertically integrated gas and electricity utility across 30 countries. The Hawkesdale Wind Farm was approved by the Minister for Planning under Planning Permit No. 20060221 on 12th August 2008. GPG proposed the following amendments to the permit which was approved on 21 December 2017:

- An increase in wind turbine height to a maximum of 180 metres (blade tip in vertical position).
- A minimum rotor blade sweep clearance above ground level for turbines of 30 and 40 metres depending on turbine location.
- A reduction of 5 turbines, resulting in a total of 26 turbines.
- Micro-siting of 12 turbines within 100 metres of the original approved location in accordance to provisions in the permit.

The increased turbine efficiency will enable the total number of turbines to be reduced, while enabling a greater output.

Additionally, RDPL lodged with DELWP an Application to Modify the existing Tarrone Terminal Station (TRTS), to accommodate the grid connection assets. This application has been granted by DELWP under delegation from the Minister for Planning on 12th February 2018.

The Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS)

The Victorian Government has established the Victorian Renewable Energy Auction Scheme (VREAS) to support achievement of the Victorian Renewable Energy Targets (VRET). These targets seek to ensure that 25 per cent of the State's electricity generation comes from renewable sources by 2020, rising to 40 per cent of generation by 2025.

The 2017 VRET closes on 14th February 2018, in this auction, the Victorian Government will award commercial contracts in support of up to 650 MW of new renewable energy generation. Bids from renewable energy projects are to be submitted under a formal Request for Proposal (RFP).

GPG will submit a bid for Hawkesdale Windfarm, collaborating closely with Community and Council. Successful proposals will be awarded a 'Support Agreement' with the State of Victoria to ensure revenue certainty for renewable energy projects. An announcement on the successful bids will be made available in July 2018.

Community Consultation

GPG has recently appointed a Community and Stakeholder Engagement Manager who will be working closely with Landholders, Neighbours

and local Community throughout the VRET Decision process and construction should we be successful in our bid to the Victorian Government. To find out more information on the development or to make an appointment please contact Rhiannon Eddy on 0400 403 273.

Complaints Management Process

GPG invites and welcomes your feedback and complaints. We are committed to ensuring that any complaints we receive are handled in a way that is responsive, fair and courteous and that respects the privacy of the person making the complaint.

Initial contact may be made by email or phone, as any issue will generally depend on the individual's own experience of the wind farm, following notification that you wish to make a formal complaint, our next step will be a home visit.

This gives us the opportunity to fully appreciate the nature of your complaint from your perspective and to meet with you to document the issue. Please let us know the most convenient time for this.

GPG requires the completed form to be signed off by both the complainant and a GPG representative in order for a formal complaint to be lodged. You can access the formal complaints form at <http://www.unionfenosa.com.au/contact-us/> and submit the form to info@unionfenosa.com.au.

Contact Us

If you would like to know more about the Hawkesdale Wind Farm project, there are a number of ways for you to contact us at Global Power Generation Australia Pty Ltd:

- You can call us by telephone on our freecall number **1800 457 181**
- You can email us at: info@unionfenosa.com.au
- You can visit our website: www.unionfenosa.com.au and use an online enquiry form to contact us.
- You can write to us via mail at:
**Ryan Corner Development Pty Ltd
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Canberra ACT 2600**

The Ryan Corner Wind Farm project has an established Community Engagement Committee that conducts meetings from time to time and is facilitated and chaired by Moyne Shire Council.